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Village Center Groundbreaking and Sales Launch Successful



Mayor Grasso and the Board of Trustees at the Village Center Groundbreaking May 11, 2006

Opus North has broken ground on the Village Center conducting excavation at the site. It is expected that removal of dirt and related work will continue through July before any further construction can begin. Village staff anticipates that the building permit application process will begin this month.

After a very successful sales launch on Saturday, June 5th, Opus North surpassed its residential sales requirement in order to begin construction. At its sales launch, 113 condominiums above first floor retail in two of

the three residential buildings were available for purchase. To date, 86 units have been sold. Opus North is moving forward with plans for a sales launch on the third residential building and hopes to announce it soon. Retail leasing efforts have also been successful with J Jill, Yankee Candle, Ann Taylor Loft, Chico's, Soma, White House/Black Market and Eddie Bauer committing to the project.

The Village Center is a mixed use "downtown" district featuring an open air shopping experience characterized by upscale retail and restaurants along the main street. The project will include 191,000 square feet of retail space, 25,000 square feet of restaurants, 33,000 square feet of office space and 172 condominium units in seven buildings. For more information, please visit the developer's web site www.BurrRidgeVillageCenter.com.

Village-wide Smoking Ban Effective July 8th



As of July 8th, smoking will be banned in all enclosed public places, places of employment within Burr Ridge, all Village vehicles and buildings, and certain unenclosed public places such as the seating areas of outdoor arenas and school grounds. It also bans smoking within 15 feet of public parks and recreation areas, public entrances, open air dining areas and outdoor venues while an event is taking place. The ordinance does not prohibit smoking in private residences, rooms rented for the purpose of living or sleeping quarters, outdoor parades and picnics (defined as six or more people), and it excludes any person who is temporarily in such an area for the purpose of walking or traversing through such area. The Smoking Ban Ordinance was approved on Monday, April 10, 2006 by the Village Board of Trustees. A copy of the Ordinance is available on the Village's website, www.burr-ridge.gov, under "Community News."

Your Participation Counted! Special Census Complete

The Special Census was completed mid-July and Village staff hopes to receive results this Fall. Thank you to each resident who shared their information with enumerators. The purpose of the Census was to measure increases in the Village's population since the 2000 Census and capture per capita state revenues. Had the Village waited until the next decennial census to reflect this increase, staff estimates that the Village would have missed out on \$470,000 in state revenues.

News in Brief

2006 Road Program

The 2006 Road Program will include work in Burr Ridge Meadows on Garywood Drive, Tomlin Circle and Tomlin Drive, Devon Woods on Glenmora Drive, Shenandoah Lane and Shenandoah Court, Woodview Estates on Laurie Lane and Laurie Court, 74th Street from Wolf Road to Forest Hill Road, County Line Creek Estates on Norman Court, Ashton Drive and Glenmora Lane, Woodview Estates South on Laurie Lane, Tomlin Drive and Gregford Road, 91st Street, 62nd Street, 73rd Place and Forest Hill Road from 73rd Place to 75th Street. The cost of this year's Road Program is \$907,255 but the Village's portion will be reduced to \$753,640 by contributions from the developer for 91st Street and residents east of Garfield Avenue on 62nd Street. Staff is currently compiling bid specifications and hopes to begin construction in late summer/early fall. Residents in effected areas will be notified and can call the Road Program Hotline at 654-8181, option 8, for weekly updates once construction begins. A tentative construction schedule will be made available on the Village's website as soon as possible.

Sprinkling Restrictions in Effect Until September 15

Until September 15th, sprinkling north of 83rd Street is allowed Monday, Thursday and Saturday from 12 AM to 12 Noon and 6 PM to 12 AM. Sprinkling south of 83rd Street is allowed Tuesday, Friday and Sunday during the same hours. No sprinkling is allowed on Wednesdays. All communities who receive Lake Michigan water are required to limit outdoor water usage.

Village Remembers Sam Iorfida

We were saddened to learn of the June death of Sam Iorfida. In 1999, Sam was appointed to the Environmental Quality Commission and the Economic Development Committee, where his expertise in both areas helped shape the future of this community. Sam served on the Economic Development Committee until 2006, when his ongoing illness forced him to resign.

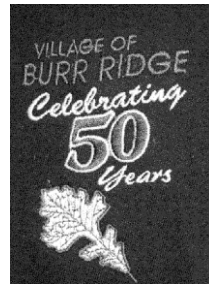
Burr Ridge History Corner: The First Village Board

On November 28, 1956, the newly elected officials of the Village of Harvester held their first Board Meeting at the home of Village President, Harry Whittaker, at 79th Street and County Line Road. Also serving on the Board was Richard Tennyson, Robert Kubis, Richard Linn, Giles Van Winkle, Charles Stauber and Earl Riggs. Alice Hall served as Village Clerk. The November election saw 70 of Harvester's 168 residents cast their votes at the Tennyson's garage. One of the top priorities for the newly elected Board was to address the matter of franchise agreements with utility companies, form advisory committees to address issues such as zoning and Village finances, and determine when and where the Board would hold its regular meetings. Board members agreed to continue meeting every Wednesday night at 7:30 in each other's homes, unless a controversial issue would attract a large audience.

Volunteers Needed for Committees, Commissions

Volunteers are needed for the Village's Economic Development Committee, Environmental Quality Commission, E-9-1-1 Board and Stormwater Committee. An I&M Canal Representative is also needed. Anyone who is interested in volunteering should download a copy of the volunteer questionnaire from the Forms page at www.burr-ridge.gov, stop by or call the Village Hall for more information at 654-8181.

50th Anniversary T-Shirts for Sale



Purchase your 50th Anniversary t-shirt today at the Village Hall. T-shirts are \$10 each with proceeds benefitting the Burr Ridge Veterans Memorial. Available sizes are youth large, adult large, XL and XXL. T-shirts are 100% pre-shrunk cotton with custom embroidery shown at left. Questions? Call Lisa Scheiner at 654-8181, extension 105.

Police Briefs

Citizens Police Academy Begins September 7th

Applications are being accepted for the 9th annual Burr Ridge Citizen Police Academy. The next session begins Thursday, September 7th at 6:30 PM. The sessions last 3 hours and run for ten weeks. For more information or to sign up, contact Officer Angie Zuccherro at 654-8181, extension 322, or stop by the Police Department for a brochure and application.

Curfew

Curfew in Burr Ridge applies to all teens 17 years old and younger. Curfew hours are 11 PM to 6 AM on weekdays and midnight to 6 AM on Saturday and Sunday. State law provides that a driver's license for teens 16 years old are invalid during curfew hours. Drivers in violation of curfew are subject to the suspension of driving privileges.

Vacation Watch

Before packing your bags for summer vacation, register for the Vacation House Watch Program with the Police Department at 323-8181. Police Department staff will ask who has keys to your home, whether lights will be on timers, what cars will be left in your driveway, who should be contacted in an emergency, etcetera. Officers will know to pay special attention when patrolling your neighborhood. Residents are strongly urged to ensure alarm systems are working properly and activated before you leave. Remove any extra keys you have stored outside your home under door mats or in flower pots. Secure patio doors with heavy duty locks and steel rods at the base. Light the exterior of your home with motion detection or timed lights and set interior lights, radios and televisions on timers, staggered throughout the day.

Public Works in Brief

Important Information about B-Boxes

If you are planning to have work done on your driveway, please call the Water & Sewer Division of the Public Works Department before work begins. Some water shut-off valves, commonly called "B-Boxes", are located in driveways, making repairs almost impossible to perform without causing damage to the drive. It is important to have your B-box inspected prior to any work in the driveway so that, if any repairs are needed, they can be scheduled before or during the renovation.

Alarm Systems Must be Registered

All residents and businesses must register their alarm system with the Police Department. If your alarm has not been registered, please do so immediately. Registration forms are available at the Police Department or at the Village's website, www.burr-ridge.gov. Officers responded to 1524 alarms in 2005, of which more than 99% were false alarms. Any incident in which an alarm is triggered and there is no emergency situation is considered a false alarm. Alarms due to criminal activity, high winds confirmed by the responding officer or power outages in which the Police Department is notified by the utility company are considered legitimate alarms. In a fiscal year period, four false alarms are no charge; however, the fifth and each consecutive alarm thereafter are billable at \$50 per incident.

Know the Code

Code Enforcement Program Explained: The Village's Code Enforcement program is based upon resident reports of violations to Village Staff. Complaints received are entered into a database and distributed to the appropriate department for follow-up. A Village Staff member will visit the site and review the complaint based on existing Village Ordinances and Codes to determine if a violation exists. If it does, a letter asking for voluntary compliance is issued to the last tax payer of record with a time frame for compliance. Village Staff will revisit the site after the deadline to determine if the violation has been corrected. If it has not, then a citation may be issued, which mandates an appearance before the Circuit Court. Reports of suspected violations can be made by calling 654-8181, extension 123.

Signs in the Public Right of Way: Signs in the public right-of-way, including garage sale signs, real estate signs, etc. are prohibited except during the hours of 9 AM to 6 PM on Saturdays and Sundays. Call 654-8181, extension 123, for more information about size, number and location restrictions.

Pick up After Pets: When walking pets, remember to keep them leashed and carry a "pooper scooper". It's not only a courtesy to your neighbors, it's the law.

Call JULIE Before You Dig: For safety's sake, call JULIE to have utilities located before you begin any underground work on your property. Dial 1-800-892-0123. The call is free.

Right-of-Way Versus Easement

The right-of-way (ROW) is owned by the Village and generally includes the road and 16 feet from the back of the curb or edge of pavement. Located within the ROW are public streets, sidewalks, drainage facilities, utilities and parkway trees. The 16' section of ROW between a property and the edge of pavement is called the parkway. Parkway appears to be part of a yard but are actually part of the Village ROW. Nothing should be planted or built within the parkway unless approved by the Village. A utility easement is on the owner's property and only utilities are located within it. Easements give the Village and other utility companies the right to use that portion of the property to provide service to the home and others. Some homeowners place plantings or other items in these easements, however, this is discouraged. Utility companies or the Village may have to remove those items to perform work in the easement and are not required to replace them.

Calendar of Events: July - September

July

- 17 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 18 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 24 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 26 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM

August

- 7 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 9 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 14 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 19 Chamber of Commerce Fit & Fun Fair @ Harvester Park 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- 21 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 23 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 28 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM

September

- 4 *Labor Day - Village Hall Closed*
- 7 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 11 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 12 Stormwater Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 13 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- 14 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 18 Plan Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 19 Economic Development Committee Meeting 7:30 PM
- 21 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 25 Village Board Meeting 7:00 PM
- 27 Veterans' Memorial Committee Meeting 5:30 PM
- Environmental Quality Commission Meeting 7:30 PM
- 28 Burr Ridge Citizens' Police Academy 6:00 PM
- 30 Burr Ridge Park District Harvest Fest

Save the Date!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

Burr Ridge 50th Anniversary Gala *Saturday, October 14*

MARRIOTT HOTEL

1200 BURR RIDGE PARKWAY

THE EVENING WILL INCLUDE HORS D'OEUVRES, DINNER, DRINKS
AND DANCING TO THE TVK ORCHESTRA

Purchase your Tickets at the
Village Hall Beginning August 14th

TICKETS ARE \$100/PERSON

AN INVITATION WILL FOLLOW

RSVP BY OCTOBER 1, 2006

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